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[Part I] To VIKTOR.[1]

Your number 2789.[a]

[1 group unidentified] RICKENBACKER was born in 1890 in the U.S.A. He is a well-known champion - [2 groups unrecovered] racer. In June 1917 he accompanied General PERSHING to FRANCE as a member of the staff of the motor [1 group unidentified]. In August 1917 he was transferred at his own request to an aviation unit and became commander of the 94th [C% Pursuit Squadron] - the first American aviation unit to participate on the Western Front. After the war [1 group unrecovered] retirement with the rank of major. [1 group unrecovered] and until [C% 1926] [2 groups unrecovered] vice-president of the "Rickenbacker Motor Company", DETROIT, and in [C% 1928-1929 was] one of the managers of the "Cadillac Motor Company" [C%, DETROIT]

[27 groups unrecoverable]

rways"[b], "Aviation Corporation." At the present time he is general manager of the "Eastern Airlines", chairman of the "Contest Board of the American Automobile Association" and president of the "Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation." [c]

[15 groups unrecovered]

"national hero" [11 groups unrecovered]

series of speeches and [C% communiqus] against the ROOSEVELT administration, trade unions and FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN [ZEMLYAKI][ii].

[Part II]

[16 groups unrecovered]

[C% the press] sharply criticized RICKENBACKER as [D% a [1 group unrecovered] Conservative] [8 groups unrecovered] "Daily Worker" Sender GARLIN[iii] published a brochure

[15 groups unrecoverable]

[1 group unrecovered]. Here are a few extracts: "R. is a member of the "America First Committee" and an enemy of the workers, [1 group unidentified] support "Scribners Commentator" - a pro-Fascist magazine which in 1940 [1 group unrecovered] by a federal [1 group unrecovered] as anti - [1 group unrecovered]. One of its [members] of the editorial board TOWNSEND was arrested as un [4 groups unrecovered]. In [1 group unrecovered] he mentioned the fact that [6 groups unrecovered]

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S[d] who was arrested as a German agent. R.'s attack on the trade unions and the workers' movement [1 group unrecovered] Support of the "Ku-Klux Klan"

[15 groups unrecovered]

soldiers who returned from the war

[38 groups unrecovered]

[10 groups unrecoverable]

[Part III] Even the Catholic magazine "Commonweal" condemned"

[13 groups unrecovered]

he is a man who is [C% exploiting] his reputation of a hero for [5 groups unrecovered] economic and political [3 groups unrecovered]. Secretary of Labour PERKINS stated:

[15 groups unrecoverable]

does not object to the [D% fuss] made [1 group unrecovered] him and LINDBERGH by the Fascist demagogue Gerald SMITH [GERAL'd SMIT] in connection with the forthcoming 1944 presidential elections".

[37 groups unrecovered]

at a luncheon of the "Commerce and Industry Association" [1 group unrecovered] the president of the "Aviation Corporation" Victor EMANUEL [1 group unrecovered] introduced R. as their "spiritual leader". [3 groups unrecovered] question about the possibility of electing ROOSEVELT for a fourth term

[22 groups unrecoverable]

[3 groups unrecovered] conversation with us "SOUND[ZVUK]" [iv] tried to discover [C% the reason] for R.'s being allowed into the USSR.

[25 groups unrecovered]

LINDBERGH.

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LUKA[v]

Notes: [a] Not available.

[b] Probably "American Airways".

[c] The whole first portion of this message appears to be quoted from "Who's Who in America."

[d] Probably INGALLS.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN: Communists.

[iii] Sender GARLIN: Co-editor of "Labour Defender".